

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 723

By Wilder

A RESOLUTION to propose amendment of Article VI, Section 14,
of the Constitution of Tennessee.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CONCURRING, That a majority of all the members of each house concurring, as shown by the
yeas and nays entered on their journals, that it is proposed that Article VI of the Constitution of
Tennessee be amended by deleting Section 14, which was first enacted in 1796 and which
reads in its entirety as follows:

Section 14. No fine shall be laid on any citizen of this state that shall exceed fifty
dollars, unless it shall be assessed by a jury of his peers, who shall assess the fine at
the time they find the fact, if they think the fine should be more than fifty dollars.

and by substituting instead the following:

Section 14. The General Assembly shall prescribe by law the maximum fine that,
absent waiver, may be assessed without a jury.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the foregoing amendment be referred to the One
Hundred Sixth General Assembly and that this resolution proposing such amendment be
published by the secretary of state in accordance with Article XI, Section 3, of the Constitution of
Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the clerk of the senate is directed to deliver a copy
of this resolution to the secretary of state.